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AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD ARMSTRONG

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

I, GERALD ARMSTRONG, being duly sworn, hereby
declare:

1) I was involved with Scientology from 1969 through 1981, was with and worked for L. Ron Hubbard personally during many of those years, and held many positions in the top Scientology organizations including the Personal Office of L. Ron Hubbard.

2) I was present at the La Quinta properties in California in 1978 during the period that Dell and Ernie Hartwell were there, and personally observed them both on many occasions.

3) During that period I held many positions including executive posts, in the film crew to which Dell and Ernie were recruited. I am very familiar with the various La Quinta properties and practices and policies of L. Ron Hubbard and the La Quinta Scientology organizations during 1978.

4) During the spring and summer of 1978, the film crew and grounds personnel were working very long hours, usually 16 hours per day. I observed Dell many times working in the wardrobe unit, and observed Ernie working in editing on grounds and cutting wood.

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2 5) I became aware at one point that Ernie had asked
3 to leave the La Quinta base. As a result, he was separated
4 from the rest of the group and labelled a "Suppressive
5 Person." A Suppressive Person is considered by L. Ron
6 Hubbard, and consequently Scientologists, to be psychotic,
7 evil and destructive. Suppressive Persons are subject to the
8 "Fair Game doctrine," a policy initiated by L. Ron Hubbard,
9 which states that the Suppressive Person "may be deprived of
10 property or injured by any means by any Scientologists without
11 any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or
12 lied to or destroyed." The Scientology organization has
13 claimed that this policy was cancelled but that is absolutely
14 not the case. Hubbard ordered that the words "Fair Game" not
15 be used, but the policy regarding theft from Suppressive
16 Persons, or tricking, suing, lying to or destroying them was
17 not changed. I have myself been the target of the Fair Game
18 doctrine since 1981. The Fair Game doctrine is used against
19 anyone perceived by Hubbard or Scientology to be a threat or
20 an enemy.

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22 6) People could not leave the La Quinta base without
23 permission, and when some individuals did leave without
24 permission, others were sent after them to find them and to
25 get them back. There was no easy way to get off the base as
26 it was in the desert and several miles from any road with
27 public transportation. Anyone who sought to leave the base
28 permanently as was the case with Ernie Hartwell, was detained,


1 subjected to electronically metered interrogatories and forced
2 to sign various waivers and bonds before they could leave.
3 Such people were ostracized by the rest of the crew,
4 continually watched, and not trusted. The last few weeks
5 Ernie was at La quinta he was put under guard.

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8 7) I do not know what representations Sue Mithoff,
9 Pam Doherty or William Fosdick or others made to the
10 Hartwells. I have personal knowledge of the following facts.
11 Doherty, Fosdick & Mithoff were on special assignment to
12 recruit people to come to the desert in La Quinta,
13 California. They were required to recruit a minimum quota of
14 individuals and if they did not succeed they would be subject
15 to punishment. It was the well-known policy of the Sea Org
16 that misrepresentations could be made to potential Sea Org
17 members in order to get them to join. Doherty, Fosdick and
18 Mithoff knew that the people they recruited would only be
19 going to La Quinta and would not be going to Clearwater,
20 Florida. They knew that persons at La Quinta were required to
21 work very long hours, far more than five hours per day. The
22 knew that none of the people they recruited would be staying
23 in nice motels with swimming pools. They knew that the La
24 Quinta base did not need any dancers or entertainers or provide
25 professional drama training to new members. They knew that
26 automobiles were scarce and base members would not have free
27 use of the few cars there; indeed base members were restricted
28 to the base most of the time. They knew that auditing was

1 very limited at La Quinta and at the time the Hartwells were
2 recruited, almost the only type of "auditing" going on were
3 security checks (interrogation for security purposes).

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5 All of the above facts were common knowledge to all
6 person who had spent any time on the La Quinta base. It was
7 also common knowledge that people recruited into the Sea Org
8 were not told that their "auditing" files were not
9 confidential and that if they sought to leave they would be
10 declared "suppressive," harassed, billed for any "auditing,"
11 "training" or "sec checks received," disconnected from any
12 friends or family still in the organization, and made subject
13 to the Fair Game doctrine, all of which were practices of
14 Scientology, pursuant to the orders of L. Ron Hubbard.

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16 Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this
17 19th day of September, 1985.

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21 GERALD ARMSTRONG

22 Suffolk County

9/20/85

23 Then personally appeared before me the above named
24 Gerald Armstrong and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free
act and deed.

25 Before me,

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27 Lorna E. Doherty
28 Notary Public
My Commission Expires 3/31/89

